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Addendum

The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraph 37 of the draft declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium (A/S-25/2) at its ... meeting on ... June 2001.

At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended paragraph 37, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 37 was replaced by the following paragraph:

"We further resolve to empower local authorities, non-governmental organizations and other Habitat Agenda partners, within the legal framework and according to the conditions of each country, to play a more effective role in shelter provision and in sustainable human settlements development. This can be achieved through effective decentralization, where appropriate, of responsibilities, policy management, decision-making authority and sufficient resources, where possible including revenue-collection authority to local authorities, through participation and local democracy as well as through international cooperation and partnerships. In particular, the effective role of women in decision-making in local authorities should be ensured, if necessary through appropriate mechanisms. In this context we agree to intensify our dialogue, where possible, including, inter alia, through the Commission on Human Settlements on all issues related to effective decentralization and strengthening of local authorities, in support of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, in conformity with the legal framework and policies of each country."

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